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## **STAFF SGT. JOHN WAYNE WALDING**

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Staff Sgt. John Wayne Walding, a native of Waco, Texas, enlisted in the Army in August 2001 as a Patriot missile operator. He was assigned to the 108th Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss, Texas.

In November 2005, he began the Special Forces Qualification Course and he earned his Green Beret in 2007. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C., as a Special Forces communications sergeant.

He first deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in February 2003, as a member of the Air Defense Artillery. His second deployment was in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in October 2007 as a member of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force– Afghanistan.

Walding's military education includes Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Warrior Leaders Course, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Course, Basic Airborne Course, Air Assault Course, and Special Forces Qualification Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Special Forces Tab.

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